

**EXETER-WEST GREENWICH  
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**May 22, 2012**

**MINUTES**

The Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District School Committee held a meeting on this date at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr. – Sr. High School Library. Members present were Teri Maia-Cicero, Chairperson; Mark Rafanelli, Vice-Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Theresa Donovan, Paul McFadden, Lee Kissinger (arrived at 6:09 p.m.), and Claudine Pande. Others present: Superintendent Thomas J. Geismar, Director of Administration Robert V. Ross, Student Member Angela Russo

**ORDER** – Chair Cicero called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Clerk Zuercher read the District Mission Statement.

**Open Forum** – Chair Cicero advised audience members that during Open Forum there is a 15-minute limit in which to speak to the committee regarding items not listed on the agenda. Under the Open Meetings Act laws, the committee cannot respond to any comments or concerns.

Parent Pat D’Andrea read a statement she prepared voicing concerns regarding the recent illicit drug use at the junior high school. She asked the School Committee to form a roundtable panel involving parents to bring discussion to address prescription drug abuse. Chair Cicero gave Mrs. D’Andrea a flyer explaining the upcoming *Parent Seminar* planned for June 6 relating to prescription drug abuse in teens. She said that this would be a great thing to share with parents.

EWG Teachers’ Association President Maura Skahan and NEARI Uniserv Representative Jay Walsh voiced their views and concerns and asked the committee to reconsider its position of not having a teacher representative on the Superintendent Search Committee.

Member Kissinger arrived at this time, (6:09 p.m.).

**PRESENTATION – Student Member Report** – Student Member Angela Russo reported that last Thursday, May 17 was Professional Development Day and Senior Project presentations took place. Of the 134 seniors presenting that day, 131 met or exceeded the standard, three did not pass, and there are eight remaining students that need to present. Honors Night is Thursday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The freshman and sophomore semi-formal dance is June 1. Also on June 1, the junior and senior high school concert bands will perform. Lastly, Angela gave a brief account of sport teams and fine arts student activities.

**ROUTINE ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA**- Superintendent Geismar gave an overview of the Consent Agenda.

Clerk Zuercher made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Member Donovan seconded the motion. Voted 7 – 0 in favor.

The following items were approved:

- A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Minutes of April 24, 2012; Executive Session Minutes of April 24, 2012; Special meeting Minutes of April 24, 2012; Regular Minutes of May 8, 2012; Executive Session Minutes of May 8, 2012; Special Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2012; Executive Session Minutes of May 10, 2012; Special Session Minutes of May 17, 2012; Executive Session Minutes of May 17, 2012**
- B. Personnel Items**
  - 1. Appointments**
  - 2. Leaves of Absence**
  - 3. Resignations**
  - 4. Grievances**
  - 5. Non-Renewals**
  - 6. Recalls**
  - 7. Sabbaticals**
- C. Bills – In the amount of \$216,352.30**
- D. Home School Approval**

**End Consent Agenda**

**Correspondence** – (1) April 12, 2012 Metcalf School Improvement Team Meeting Minutes; (2) List of colleges and universities that Members of the Class of 2012 were accepted into

**Budget 2012 – 2013** – None

**NEW BUSINESS – Policies Review/Adoption – 8518: Bullying – Prohibited – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Members did not voice any questions or concerns regarding policy 8518. This item will carry over to the next regular meeting agenda for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

**Approve Bid Awards – Boiler Cleaning and Repair** – Mr. Ross referenced his Bid Recommendations/Renewal memo dated May 22, 2012 and said that his recommendations are indicated in **bold**. He requested that the School Committee accept his recommendations along with the last item, which is an annual renewal of the Building Control Systems, with no change to price from last year.

Member Pande moved to approve bids as submitted and recommended by Mr. Ross; Vice Chair Rafanelli seconded the motion; and voted 7 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.

The following bids were approved:

Inspection and Maintenance of Fire Alarm Systems – **Electronic Alarm Systems, Inc.**

Inspection and Maintenance of Fire Extinguishers – **Fresco**

Septic System Pumping – **Diffley & Daughters Septic Service**

Rubbish Removal – **Patriot Disposal Company**

Storm Drain Cleaning – **R. Bruce Briggs**

Inspection and Maintenance of Elevators – **Otis Elevator Company**

Maintenance, Monitoring, and Repair of Building Security Systems – **Electronic Alarm Systems, Inc.**

Renewal – Building Control Systems – **Automatic Temperature Controls, Inc.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Out of District Transportation** – Mr. Ross reported that he is awaiting feedback from the statewide transportation provider regarding the committees' request to cede the private school out-of-district transportation routes back to the District. A preliminary cost analysis projects expected savings to the District if those runs were to be ceded back. Mr. Ross said that there are at least three other districts exploring the same prospects. This item will carry over to the next regular meeting agenda.

**School Committee Decorum** – Chair Cicero advised that the policy subcommittee has not started to work on the School Committee Decorum policy yet. This item will continue to the next regular meeting agenda for further updates.

**NESDEC Superintendent Search** – Chair Cicero stated that the superintendent search committee is meeting tonight at 6:30 to continue the process.

**Capital Project Update** – Dr. Geismar reported that the Capital Project Building Committee (CPBC) would meet tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. The bond projects are close to being finished. There is one item that needs to be approved tomorrow night. Mr. Ross reported that the CPBC would look at approving the civil engineering to be done for the parking lot project.

**Reports/Comments** – None

**Important Dates and Meetings** – *Possible Superintendent Interview Dates: Saturday, June 2, 2012, 8Am to 4PM; Sunday, June 3, 11AM to 6PM; Monday, June 4, 6PM to 10PM; Monday, June 11, 6PM to 10PM; Friday, June 15, 6PM to 10PM; **Wednesday, June 13, 2012-School Committee Meeting-Special Education Presentation and Jr. High School Presentation**; Tuesday, June 26-School Committee Meeting-Facilities Presentation*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5** – None

**Adjournment** – Vice Chair Rafanelli moved to adjourn; Member Kissinger seconded the motion; and voted 7 – 0 in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

ROBIN CERIO  
CLERK